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ضرب
"تونس"

بالتجرة
السنة

الملك الوالى
على راجا

DEPARTMENT OF COINS AND MEDALS,

BRITISH MUSEUM,

LONDON: W.C.

21/2/11

Dear Sir

I have received your letter and enclosures and will do what I can to help you though I am afraid the B.M. Collection of the Mahdi's coins is a poor one.

The B.M. has a gold and a silver coin of Majd-ad-daulah
The A. is Muhammadiyah A.H. 398
The R - Hamdan (390?)

They differ from your specimen in that the obverse area reads only

لا اله الا
الله وحده
لا شريك له
القادر بالله

omitting the name of Bahādur-
dauleh

The two small silver coins which
I return the rupees of are of
Cananore. Alī Rāja is
a hereditary title of the dynasty.
The district passed into
British hands about the end of
the XVIII th century.

The legends are, as you have read them.

الملك الوالي علي راجا

and. ابتدا سنة بالهجرة

Yours sincerely
J. Anderson

Department of Coins and Medals,
British Museum,
London: W.C.

24/3/11

From J. Allan
British Museum

P.S. Did I identify the other coin for you (not the Carmona one.)? It is of Morocco الصويرة
el-Suwair

J.A.

POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

DEPARTMENT OF COINS AND MEDALS,
BRITISH MUSEUM,
LONDON: W.C.

24/3/11

Dear Sir

I am returning your list of coins of the Mahdi. I have compared it with the Museum collection and have sent it to Mr Valentine, Mr Haworth & Dr. Codrington. I have not been able to make many additions to it.

I shall send casts of two
(Silver) dollars ~~from~~ the B.M.
collection and of a small
coin belonging to Dr. Codrington
I have been quite unable to
trace the gold piece, but may
be able to come across it
when I shall let you know.

Yours truly
J. Allan

DEPARTMENT OF COINS AND MEDALS,

BRITISH MUSEUM,

LONDON: W.C.

28/3/11

Dear Sir,

You will find an illustration of the Mahdi's 100 piastre piece in the Berliner Münzblätter 1894, p. 1614. It is a copy of one of Abd al-Majid and there is nothing to distinguish it as the Mahdi's except that it is somewhat smaller & thicker. Its attribution rests on the

Testimony of eye-witnesses.

The ~~text~~ verse is خ ب ع مصر ١٢٥٥ now Egypt.

Jan Egypt,

Eldon.

DEPARTMENT OF COINS AND MEDALS.

BRITISH MUSEUM,

LONDON: W.C.

20/4/11

Dear Sir,

I am sending you casts of two Sudanese dollars in the Mus. not in your list + a cast of D. Codrington's coin illustrated in the N. C. which will I hope be useful to you.

Yours faithfully

J. Allan

DEPARTMENT OF COINS AND MEDALS,
BRITISH MUSEUM,
LONDON: W.C.

21/4/11

Dear Sir,

Thanks for your letter and the three coins enclosed which will be a very acceptable acquisition for the Museum. Sent the three casts off to you yesterday. You seem to have as good a collection as any that has as yet been brought

together. I have never seen the
gold piece and feel somewhat
doubtful of it. There seems
however to be the evidence of
eye witnesses that gold was
coined but I should expect
it to have the mint of
Ondemnan on it. The lighter
weight is in its favour as the
Egyptian pieces vary little
I am glad you like Mr
Valentine's book. He is going
to try one on Indian coins which
ought to be even more useful.

I have been to no expense
on your behalf and shall
be always glad to give you
any help I can.

You will receive an
official acknowledgment
later for the three coins
presented to the B.M.

Yours Sincerely
J. Allan

Please return No 3 to

DEPARTMENT OF COINS AND MEDALS,

BRITISH MUSEUM,

LONDON: W.C.

15/6/11

Dear Sir

I must apologise for the delay in answering your two letters. Sent you the Sudan coin as 1313 but I find on closer examination that it is a restruck (or clipped) 1312. The date is really. 1ᴹᶜᶜᴸᴵᴵ so that it is the same as the one you send.

Dr. Codrington is still the fortunate possessor of the

10 f ora piece. You are quite
free to publish any of the ~~coins~~
casts I sent you.

I am interested in the early
Magyar coins both of which
I see now ~~I~~ have. ~~If you are~~

If you review Dr Valentine's
book I hope you will point
out that he has only given coins
of which he could obtain
drawings. The reviewer in
the Numismatist points out
several omissions which are
really due to the fact that
the author does not live

illustrations.

He is very pleased about the reception the book is receiving here. As he has spent all his spare time for some years working in the Museum he knew somewhat of the immense amount of labour he has put into it. Hope it will be as welcome on the other side of the Atlantic as it is here.

Yours truly
J. Allan

DEPARTMENT OF COINS AND MEDALS,

BRITISH MUSEUM,

LONDON: W.C.

20/2/12

Dear Mr Holland Wood,

I am writing now to acknowledge the arrival of your coins which I shall do my best to identify for you as soon as I can find a moment to myself. I am afraid however it is unlikely that I shall be able to do so before the end of next week as I am very busy just now.

Do you know yours truly

new Indian Numismatic
Society. Johnson Fine
at hey well and hope
You will be able to raise
some new members on your
side of the world

Yours truly
Jaffa

DEPARTMENT OF COINS AND MEDALS,
BRITISH MUSEUM,
LONDON: W.C.

14/3/12

Dear Sir,

I am afraid I can throw no light on your coin. The reading Aksu seems quite correct. ǧumūl = Ḥamūl, the name from is found on coins of Kien Lung. of Ghulja mint. The ǧ is given a flourish that makes it look like an l. I have not seen the coin before but it is natural to find a coin of Rashid at Ak

of their mint.

I cannot read the coins published by Ramsden Bayne & Shaw Bve Arabic.

The lead (large) coin I cannot read but I have an idea the small one with the dots is of Kedah (Malay).

I am sorry to be able to give you so little information but I have been interested to see the coins.

Yours
J. Allan

DEPARTMENT OF COINS AND MEDALS,
BRITISH MUSEUM,
LONDON: W.C.

19/3/12

Dear Mr. Howland Wood

I am afraid you must have been disappointed to get so little information about your coins from me. Nevertheless I am always glad to see anything you care to send me

The coin you send the rubbing of is clearly the same as Mr. no. 5. Though the 3rd at the end is almost illegible. The

soul is clear enough at the top however.

I am glad you are getting some members for the W.S. It will be able to do very useful work if it gets a little support.

Yours truly
J. Allan

DEPARTMENT OF COINS AND MEDALS,
BRITISH MUSEUM,
LONDON: W.C.

16/12/12

Dear Sir

May thanks for calling my attention to the arsacid & Kalderia coins.

I am returning the gold coin identified. I am afraid the year is a little uncertain.

Yours truly
J. Allan